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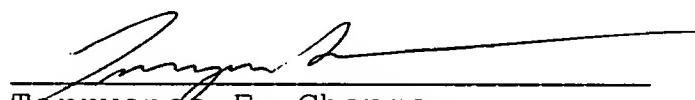
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CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER: 4364.P0021US

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PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: February 19, 2004

TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD FOR CLARIFICATION OF SLUDGE

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Seishiro MURAKAMI

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. is attached hereto.
 - b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. have not been made and will not be made.
8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

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Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. A preliminary amendment.
14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. A substitute specification.
16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.
18. A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. Other items or information:
 - a) Copy of Form PCT/DO/EO/905
 - b) Postal Card

| The following fees have been submitted: | Calculations | PTO USE ONLY |
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| 21. <input type="checkbox"/> Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))\$300.00 | \$ | |
| 22. <input type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)\$0.00 All other situations\$200.00 | \$ | |
| 23. <input type="checkbox"/> Search Fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)\$0.00 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority\$100.00 International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB\$400.00 All other situations\$500.00 | \$ | |
| TOTAL OF 21, 22 AND 23 = | \$ | |

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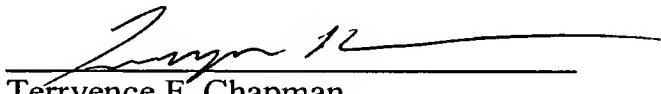
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| [] Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) in an electronic medium or computer program listing in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. | | | | | |
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| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)). | | | | \$130.00 | |
| CLAIMS | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | | |
| Total claims | 5 - 20 =0 | | x \$ 50.00 | \$ | |
| Ind. claims | 2 - 3 =0 | | x \$200.00 | \$ | |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) | | | | + \$360.00 | \$ |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS | | | | = \$130.00 | |
| [X] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2. | | | | SUBTOTAL = | \$ 65.00 |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)). | | | | + \$ | |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE | | | | = \$ 65.00 | |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property | | | | + \$ | |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED | | | | = \$ 65.00 | |
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- [X] A check in the amount of \$65.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
 - [] Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
 - [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1382. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.

IN DUPLICATE

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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 08/17/2006
- English Translation of the IA filed on 08/17/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 08/17/2006
- Copy of Article 19 Amendments filed on 08/17/2006
- English Translation of Article 19 Amendments filed on 08/17/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 08/17/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 08/17/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 08/17/2006
- Specification filed on 08/17/2006
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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$65** for a Small Entity:

- **\$65** Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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